

***In The Claims:***

Please amend the claims as set forth below.

1 (original). A colored contact lens comprising:

a generally uncolored pupil region;

a generally annular-shaped iris region surrounding the pupil region and adapted to cover at least 80% of a wearer's iris when the wearer is wearing the contact lens; and

a multicolored pattern on the iris region, the multicolored pattern being sufficiently colored to change the apparent color of an iris of a person wearing the contact lens, the multicolored pattern comprising a plurality of color elements;

more than 1000 discrete generally uncolored regions being defined by the color elements, at least 1000 of the discrete generally uncolored regions being sufficiently small such that an ordinary viewer viewing the contact lens from a distance of sixteen inches cannot detect the presence of any of the at least 1000 generally uncolored regions when the wearer is wearing the contact lens, the ordinary viewer having 20/20 vision.

2 (original). A colored contact lens as set forth in claim 1 wherein the at least 1000 of the discrete generally uncolored regions are sufficiently large such that the at least 1000 discrete generally uncolored regions contribute to the overall appearance of the contact lens as viewed by the ordinary viewer from a distance of sixteen inches.

3 (original). A colored contact lens as set forth in claim 2 wherein the more than 1000 discrete generally uncolored regions comprises more than 5,000 discrete generally uncolored regions.

4 (original). A colored contact lens as set forth in claim 2 wherein the more than 1000 discrete generally uncolored regions comprises more than 10,000 discrete generally uncolored regions.

5 (original). A colored contact lens as set forth in claim 4 wherein at least 5,000 of the discrete generally uncolored regions are sufficiently small such that an ordinary viewer viewing the contact lens from a distance of sixteen inches cannot detect the presence of any of the at least 5,000 generally uncolored regions when the wearer is wearing the contact lens.

6 – 10 (cancelled).

11 (new). A colored contact lens as set forth in claim 1 wherein the more than 1000 discrete generally uncolored regions comprises more than 5,000 discrete generally uncolored regions.

12 (new). A colored contact lens as set forth in claim 1 wherein the more than 1000 discrete generally uncolored regions comprises more than 10,000 discrete generally uncolored regions.

13 (new). A colored contact lens as set forth in claim 12 wherein at least 5,000 of the discrete generally uncolored regions are sufficiently small such that an ordinary viewer viewing the contact lens from a distance of sixteen inches cannot detect the presence of any of the at least 5,000 generally uncolored regions when the wearer is wearing the contact lens.